

# Map4Rec, Mapping for Recreation



## Short name

Map4Rec (abbr), Mapping for Recreation

## Formal name

Mapping Informal Sports and Recreation Opportunities with Temporarily Displaced Youth from Ukraine

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*Engaging vulnerable communities in the co-creation of a journey map to healthy and resilient cities.*



## Summary

Creating informal sports and recreation opportunities is crucial for the well-being of youth. Yet there are multiple barriers to the equal presence in outdoor activity landscapes, such as accessibility and inclusion. For temporarily displaced youths, additional barriers pertain to the inability to explore their new environments out of the eye of parents, and to the lack of knowledge of accepted social behavior and affordances offered by public spaces (Rishbeth et al., 2019). In this project, we will introduce newly arrived youths from Ukraine temporarily residing in refugee facilities in Twente (The Netherlands) to citizen science by engaging them in the active exploration and mapping of informal places for sports and recreation. During their summer vacations (August 2023), they will explore their new environments through fieldtrips on bicycles, collecting data (through qualitative observations, as well as sensors) on places for outdoor activities. Apart from providing space for the restoration of basic needs such as sociality and safety contributing to participants' well-being, the project will introduce them to the world of geospatial data and tools in a youth-friendly way, providing an opportunity for gaining new knowledge and skills.